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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The Highways roads in the Kanhangad Panchayat are proposed in the ordinary course, to be provided with black top surface during the next few years, subject to availability of funds."

T.B. Sanatorium at Tambaram.

* 754 Q.—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of T.B. patients in the T.B. Sanatorium at Tambaram, Madras, on 30th December 1953;

(b) the number of beds vacant on that day;

(c) the number of T.B. patients examined but refused admission for want of vacancy on that day;

(d) whether there is any special ward; and

(e) if so, the rate fixed per head for one day for that ward?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The number of patients on 30th December 1953 was 694.

" (b) Nil.

" (c) Nil.

" (d) Yes, Sir. There are three categories of special wards, i.e., cottages, two-bedded ward and semi-special ward.

" (e) The rates fixed per head for one day for the wards are as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Cottages	3	12	0
Two-bedded ward	3	0	0
Semi-special ward	2	0	0"

Strength of the Civil Supplies Section in Board of Revenue and Secretariat.

* 755 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of gazetted officers and the strength of the other establishments in the Civil Supplies section of the Board of Revenue and the Secretariat before and after the removal of food control in the State; and

(b) how the retrenched personnel have been provided for?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A statement * showing the number of gazetted officers and the strength of other establishment in the Civil Supplies branch of the Board

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of Revenue and in the Secretariat before and after the removal of food controls in the State is placed on the table of the House.

"(b) The staff in the Civil Supplies Department consists both of persons drafted from other departments of the Government and outsiders, who have no lien in any other department. Persons belonging to other departments were reverted to their parent departments consequent on their discharge from the Civil Supplies Department. With a view to absorb the outsiders working in the Civil Supplies and certain other temporary departments of the Government in regular departments, two competitive examinations were held by Madras Public Service Commission in 1952. Persons who came out successful in these examinations have been allotted by Madras Public Service Commission to other regular departments.

"So far as the Secretariat is concerned, persons who were affected as a result of the relaxation of food controls were either reverted to their parent departments or reverted to the lower categories in the Food and Agriculture Department itself."

Construction of a bridge across the Sankalkania river, South Kanara.

* 756 Q.—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI: Will the Hon. the for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to put up a bridge over the Sankalkania river in South Kanara; and

(b) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—"(a) & (b) The question of including the work of constructing a bridge at M. 2/6 of Kinnigoli-Belmon road over Sankalkania river in the Central Road Fund Programme is under the consideration of the Government and it will be taken up for execution after it is included in the said programme."

Construction of the Pullur bridge in Kasaragod taluk.

* 757 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the present stage of construction of the Pullur bridge in Kalladka-Kanhangod road in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district; and

(b) the estimate sanctioned for the bridge?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"(a) The bridge has been completed except for laying wearing coat and side wings, which are expected to be completed by June 1954. The new bridge will be open to traffic during the ensuing monsoon.

"(b) Rs. 51,000."